

1 GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION  
3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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6 IN THE MATTER OF: :

7 Willard Associates: Case #16-AUD-00069

8 t/a The Willard Inter- :

9 Continental Hotel :

10 1401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW :

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11 License #9713 :
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12 Retailer CH :

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14 Failed to File Quarterly State:

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16 Wednesday, November 30, 2016

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18               Whereupon, the above-referenced matter  
19    came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage  
20    Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,  
21    N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

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3 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

4 DONOVAN ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN

5 NICK ALBERTI, BOARD MEMBER

6 JAMES SHORT, BOARD MEMBER

7 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, BOARD MEMBER

8 JAKE PERRY, BOARD MEMBER

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10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 SYED RUZA

12 ZACHARY SHAPIRO

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 SHOW CAUSE HEARING (STATUS)

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, the  
4 next case on our calendar is Case # 16-AUD-00069,  
5 The Willard Inter-Continental Hotel, license  
6 #9713. Will the parties please approach and  
7 identify themselves for the record, please?

8 MR. RUZA: My name is Syed Ruza. I'm  
9 director of finance for the Willard Inter-  
10 Continental Hotel and I am representing Willard  
11 Associates for the case.

12 MR. SHAPIRO: Zachary Shapiro on behalf of  
13 the District of Columbia.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning. Mr.  
15 Shapiro. Good morning, Mr. Ruza. Who is the  
16 lady beside you?

17 MR. RUZA: She is from my accounting  
18 department, she usually handles this stuff, and  
19 so she's sitting with me.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: She can introduce  
21 herself on the record. That's why --

22 UNKNOWN: My name is -- and I'm the

1 accountant at the Willard Hotel, Washington D.C.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning. All  
3 right, Mr. Shapiro, Are there any preliminary  
4 matters in this case?

5 MR. SHAPIRO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. There is an  
6 offer in compromise.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is the offer  
8 in compromise?

9 MR. SHAPIRO: The offer in compromise is a  
10 payment of \$800 payable in 30 days or the license  
11 will be suspended. This is a failure to file a  
12 quarterly statement matter and I have confirmed  
13 with the compliance department that the quarterly  
14 statement at issue has been filed.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Ruza, it's my  
16 understanding that there is an offer in  
17 compromise, a fine of \$800 payable in 30 days.  
18 If it's not payable in 30 days the license will  
19 be suspended. Is this your understanding of the  
20 offer in compromise?

21 MR. RUZA: Sure, I'm going to pay right now.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And are you -- that's

1 even better -- but are you aware that by  
2 accepting this offer in compromise you're giving  
3 up your right to a hearing?

4 MR. RUZA: Sure.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And are you also aware  
6 that by accepting this offer in compromise that  
7 you are giving up the right to appeal this  
8 matter?

9 MR. RUZA: Sure.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: With that said, I make  
11 a motion that the offer in compromise of the fine  
12 of \$800 payable in 30 days be accepted. Is there  
13 a second?

14 MR. SHORT: Second.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded  
16 the motion. All those in favor say aye. (Chorus  
17 of ayes.) Those opposed? (No audible response.)  
18 The matter passed 5-zero-zero. Thank you very  
19 much, sir. We'll have you sign some paperwork  
20 and you are welcome to pay the fine right now.

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22 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter was  
23 concluded.)

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